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PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, the 21st November 1933/6th Vrichikam 1109.

The Assembly re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the Deputy President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Pension allowances to retired officers.

58. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount distributed as pension allowance for the past 3 years among the retired officials of the State?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The amount distributed as superannuation and retired allowances for the last three years is as below :—

Year.	Rs.
1106	10,51,305
1107	11,00,550
1108	11,93,478

Warden of Games.

59. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, since the last Budget session of the Assembly and the Council, a Warden of Games has been appointed in the Forest Department, and, if so, the person so appointed and when he was appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Mr. S. C. H. Dan has been appointed as Warden of Games, from 1st Vrischi-

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether, was wondering the criticisms offered by both Houses of the Legislature, the vacancy a considered the question of making such an appointment?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: tive.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government reconsidered the question and found it necessary to appoint a Game Warden.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether, subsequent to the last meeting of the Legislature, Government ascertained the views of the Conservator of Forests about the urgency of the appointment ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Even before that, the matter was under correspondence.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Is that subsequent to the last meeting ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know the number of applicants for this post ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There were no applications.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether Mr. Robinson was an applicant for the post ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. N. K KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Did Government advertise for applicants for this post ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know from the member whether such appointments are created for pensioned officers ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether Mr. Robinson is a retired officer of the State ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether there are no young men available in the Forest Department who can be appointed as Game Warden ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No, the Government are not aware.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : May I know whether Mr. Robinson has any special qualifications for holding this appointment ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government think that he has all the necessary qualifications.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know the salary of the officer ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May there is any staff for this officer ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : He is allowed a small staff.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : What is the additional expenditure to be incurred on account of the staff for the Warden of Games?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Gov...*) : ...vided in the Budget. The off...

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know what is the expenditure per annum towards the staff?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is not worked out separately.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Mr. Robinson is an officer under the service of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government accept the principle of appointing, for new jobs, pensioned officers of the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No such principle is accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government have any objection to appoint retired officers of the State when vacancies arise in other departments also?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You cannot ask that question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, I wish to know whether Mr. Robinson was appointed when a vacancy arose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was a vacancy at the time of the appointment of Warden of Games.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : So am I to understand that a new post was created and Mr. Robinson was appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Am I to take it that, before Mr. Robinson was appointed, there was a vacancy?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : One post was created and so an officer became necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : So am I to infer that when the necessity to fill up a place arose, however short the time be, the necisity for a person also arose?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is a matter of inference.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : The point is this. I was wondering whether it was such a simultaneous thing. Is it when the vacancy arose that the post was filled up at once?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question, again, is a little argumentative.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I shall take away the argument, Sir. May I know, which was prior, the vacancy or the appointment?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There was first ... of the appointment and then the appointment was effected.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA ... (*Quilon I*): May I know, is it a fact that a retired officer who gets a pension has been appointed to the vacancy?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That has been answered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): For a vacancy under Government service, is it usual to appoint a retired officer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): In this particular case, a retired officer was appointed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government have any objection to appoint retired officers when vacancies arise in other departments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): When such cases arise, the matter will be considered.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when this idea of a Game Warden was entertained by Government for the first time?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Last year.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know under what department this officer is?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Forest Department.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Was there a proposal from the Conservator for the creation of such a post?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when was his proposal made?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Last yes...

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): So, ... simultaneous with the retirement of Mr. Robinson that the propos... the appointment of Game Warden emanated from the Conservat...

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Ev... that, correspondence was going on.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): ... months before?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ... information is not available.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I kno... son appointed is in any way acquainted with game?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There is difference between 'game' and 'games'. I wish to know what the member wants. Is it about 'game' or 'games'.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Only about the singular, Sir. May I know whether the Warden of Games is acquainted with a big game or small game?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government think that the person appointed is acquainted with both.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In which way, either in killing or protecting?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Both ways.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): So, may I take it that the Warden of Games is also expected to kill games?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): When it is necessary to kill, he may do so.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know, in connection with the appointment of Warden of Games, whether the Government of India and the Madras Government have addressed this Government on the necessity for making such an appointment?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): മി. റാബിൻസൺ നെനിയമിക്കണമെന്നു കൺസർവേറ്റർ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is Mr. Robinson entitled to the rights and privileges of officers under the T. S. R.?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will he be given a pension?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He is already in receipt of pension.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When he retires from the present office, will he be given a pension?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is governed by the T. S. R.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): That is what I want to ask whether the officer is not entitled to get a pension when the necessity arises.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Those are very remote questions when the main question. I think the matter has

MR. K. K. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. I was wondering whether the vacancy arose.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the present War-

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: ...ation

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MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): So, am I to understand that no more questions could be asked. Is that the ruling?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You did not get up before I got up.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): I rose even before Mr. Asan stood up. But he put his questions. Now after his turn, I want to ask questions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have already ruled that the matter has been sufficiently discussed.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

60. ***MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the highest and lowest rates of tender per running foot for tunnel work in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme quoted by contractors;

(*b*) what the loss to Government will be for the whole work if the highest rate is accepted on a calculation with the lowest rate;

(*c*) whether the Government have accepted any tender?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The highest rate of tender per running foot for tunnel work in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project quoted by contractors was Rs. 1[illegible] and the lowest was Rs. 64.

(*b*) The loss to Government for the whole work if the highest rate is accepted instead of the lowest, will be Rs. 10,32,300.

(*c*) Government have accepted the tender of Messrs. Moylan & Co., Bombay at the rate of Rs. 110 per running foot.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know, what are the circumstances that forced Government not to accept the lowest tender?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government considered all the tenders and selected the best.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Does the Government know which particular contractor was more experienced in the works?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Has the Government any dealings now with the contractor whose name is mentioned?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Then, may I know how this contractor was selected?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow that.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I have to clear one doubt. Government say that they have no knowledge of the man hitherto and at the same time his tender was accepted. May I know how Government came to know that he has experience in tunnel work?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow this too. You can make the inference. No more questions on that point please.

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